

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

BOUGUELERET ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/553,816

FILED: OCTOBER 19, 2005

FOR: SECRETED POLYPEPTIDE SPECIES REDUCED CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of March 4, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 4, 2008. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), to extend the deadline to September 4, 2008.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 504409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$2230 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 504409 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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